



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 16-22, 2008

WHEREAS, geographic knowledge plays an important role in the current and future success of our state; and


WHEREAS, geography is more than simply knowing state capitals; it involves the understanding of how people and places interact, where things come from, and how we connect in a global world; and

WHEREAS, geography is an essential part of a 21st century education and geographic literacy is critical to success in a world marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the National Geographic Society and a coalition of national partners have created *My Wonderful World*, a campaign to increase geographic learning at home, in school and in the community; and

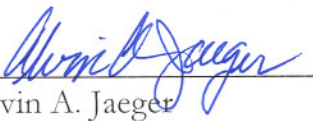
WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the importance of geography and geography education, and to enhance geographic learning in their homes, schools and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2008, **GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State